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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

VICTOR GONZALES,

Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 1:CV-00-2061

 \mathbf{v}_{\bullet}

BENJAMIN VARNER, et al.,

Defendants

DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENTS ANSWER IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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Respectfully submitted,

D. MICHAEL FISHER Attorney General

By: R. DOUGLAS SHERMAN

Senior Deputy Attorney General

I.D. #50092

SUSAN J. FORNEY

Chief Deputy Attorney General

Chief, Litigation Section

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS

Office of Attorney General 15th Fl., Strawberry Square Litigation Section Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 787-1179

Dated: December 26, 2000

Victor Gonzalez SUBJECT: SCID No. M-4656 Parole No. 6879-P

To: Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole

FROM:

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Director \
Hearing Review Unit

On 8-23-85 client was arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department on charges of Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Theft and RSP. John Morgan was awakened by someone breaking through the rear door of his home. He hid, and watched as client placed his belongings by the front door. When client left the house, the victim called police and described client's truck. A chase ensued, and client was finally stopped at Randolph and Master Streets. The victim's television set was on the truck, and his jewelry and credit cards were on client's person. He was lodged in the Philadelphia Detention Center in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

On 8-30-85 client received his Criminal Preliminary Hearing in the Philadelphia County Municipal Court before Judge Merriweather. A prima facie case was established, and he was bound over for Common Pleas Court under Indictment No. CP 85-09-0399. The Board action as recorded on 10-5-85 ordered client detained pending disposition of criminal charges.

On 1-24-86 client appeared in Philadelphia County Common Pleas Court, and entered a plea of not guilty to Indictment No. CP 85-09-0399, Robbery; No. 0400, Burglary, Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition, and Theft by RSP, and No. 0401, Criminal Trespass and Defiant Trespass. Following a trial by jury, client was found guilty as to Bill No. 0400, Burglary. Sentencing was deferred by Judge McCrudden pending a pres-sentence investigation and psychiatric evaluation.

When contacted on 2-7-86, client requested a Full Board Revocation Hearing. We are so listing him at the Philadelphia County Prison.

As a convicted parole violator, client owes 2 years, 3 months, 25 days, from date of availability. He is technically unavailable for recommitment due to deferred sentence status. Client has been convicted of Burglary, a firt degree felony, with a presumptive range of 15 to 24 months.

DATE OF ARREST: 8-23-85

BOND POSTED: NO

DATE OF CRIMINAL PRELIMINARY HEARING: 8-30-85

DATE OF CONVICTION: 1-24-86

DATE FULL BOARD HEARING REQUESTED: 2-7-86

120 DAY DEADLINE (CPV): 5-24-86

EXHIBIT

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The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole hereby grants parole/reparole the prisoner named and on the sentences described below. It further ordered that he/she be released on the date indicated below, subject to Board approval of a satisfactory plan and to the Conditions Covering Parole/Reparole (PBPP-11 and upon condition that he/she commits no misconducts or crimes, and that no evidence of past crimes or mental illness, previously undiscovered, comes to light.

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* ON OR AFTER 12-18-97 TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER FOR AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF 6 MONTHS, NO RELEASE UNTIL JOB STABILIZED (MANDATORY), PROVIDING THERE ARE NO MISCONDUCTS, YOU REMAIN INVOLVED IN REQUIRED PROGRAMS AND YOU HAVE SUBMITTED A MINIMUM OF FIVE LETTERS OF EMPLOYMENT/VOCATIONAL TRAINING/EDUCATION INQUIRY. BEFORE YOU CAN BE RELEASED, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF PAYMENT OF AT LEAST \$30.00 OF MANDATORY COURT COSTS WHICH WILL BE SHARED BY THE CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION BOARD AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 71 P.S. SECTION 180-7.17.



Signed this 6th day of November, 1997 at Harrisburg,

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

Board Secretary SEAL

SID 12912218

Actual Date of Release February 23, 1

Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole PBPP-11 (Rev. 7/91)



CONDITIONS GOVERNING PAROLE/REPAROLE

To: Victor Gonzalez

Parole No. 6879-P

Report in person or in writing within 48 hours to the district office or sub-office listed below, and do not leave that district without prior written
permission of the parole supervision staff. ALLENTOWN DISTRICT OFFICE

2703 W. Emaus Ave. Allentown, PA 18103

2. Your approved residence is listed below and may not be changed without the written permission of the parole supervision staff.

Allentown Community Corrections Center 608-610 Hamilton Mall Allentown, PA 18102 610-821-8741

3. Maintain regular contact with the parole supervision staff by:

a. reporting regularly as instructed and following any written instructions of the Board or the parole supervision staff.

 notifying the parole supervision staff within 72 hours of: (I) your arrest; or (2) your receipt of a summons or citation for an offense punishable by imprisonment upon conviction; and

 notifying the parole supervision staff within 72 hours of any change in status, including, but not fimited to, employment, on-the-job training, and education.

- Comply with all municipal, county, state and Federal criminal laws, as well as the provisions of the Vehicle Code (75 Pa. C.S. § 101 et seq.), and the Liquor Code (47 P.S. § I-lot et seq.)
- You shall:
 - a. abstain from the unlawful possession or sale of narcotics and dangerous drugs and abstain from the use of controlled substances within the meaning of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. § 780-101 et seq.) without a valid prescription;

b. refrain from owning or possessing any firearms or other weapons; and

- refrain from any assaultive behavior.
- 6. You shall pay fines, costs, and restitution imposed on you by the sentencing court. You shall establish with appropriate county authorities within thirty (30) days of your release from prison a payment schedule for the fines, costs and restitution owed for those cases for which you are now on state parole. Thereafter, you shall:

a. pay these obligations according to the established payment schedule or as ordered by the court;

- b. provide proof of such payment to parole supervision staff; and
- c. keep the parole supervision staff and the court informed of any changes in your financial ability to pay fines, costs and restitution.
- You shall comply with the special conditions listed on page 2 imposed by the Board and with special conditions imposed by the parole supervision staff.

Additionally, should problems arise, or questions occur concerning the conditions of your parole/reparole, consult with the parole supervision staff, and they will help you in the interpretation of the Conditions of Parole/Reparole.

If you are arrested on new criminal charges, the Board has the authority to lodge a detainer against you which will prevent your release from custody, pending disposition of those charges, even though you may have posted ball or been released on your own recognizance from those charges.

If you violate a condition of your parole/reparole and, after the appropriate hearing(s), the Board decides that you are in violation of a condition of your parole/reparole you may be recommitted to prison for such time as may be specified by the Board.

If you are convicted of a crime committed while on parole/reparole, the Board has the authority, after an appropriate hearing, to recommit you to serve the balance of the sentence or sentences which you were serving when paroled/reparoled, with no credit for time at liberty on parole.

If you think that any of your rights have been violated as a result of your parole supervision, you may submit a timely complaint in writing, first to the district director of the district office through which you are being supervised. If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may then submit your complaint in writing to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Director of Supervision, P.O. Box 1661, Harrisburg. Pennsylvania 17105-1661

In consideration of being granted the privilege of parole/reparole by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, I hereby agree that:

if I am ever charged with a parole violation arising out of my conduct while in a jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the revocation of my parole for that violation may be based solely on documentary evidence and I hereby waive any right to confront or cross-examine any person who prepared any such documentary evidence or who supplied information used in its preparation;

I expressly waive extradition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from any jurisdiction in or outside of the United States, where I may be found, and I shall not contest any effort by any jurisdiction to return me to the United States or to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

I expressly consent to the search of my person, property and residence, without a warrant by agents of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Any items, in the possession of which constitutes a violation of parole reparole shall be subject to seizure, and may be used as evidence in the parole revocation process.

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To: VICTOR GONZALEZ

Parole No. 6879P



InstNo: AS1650

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

WHEN RELEASED FROM THE CENTER TO THE COMMUNITY:

YOU WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION UNIT.

YOU MUST ABIDE BY ALL OF THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS IN THE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION UNIT.

UPON YOUR RELEASE, AN EVALUATION/DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE AS TO YOUR NEED FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT.

YOU WILL FOLLOW ALL TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE TREATMENT AND/OR PAROLE SUPERVISION STAFF. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE RELEASE FORM FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

YOU MUST SUBMIT TO URINALYSIS TESTING.

YOU MUST NOT CONSUME ALCOHOL UNDER ANY CONDITION OR FOR ANY REASON.

YOU MUST NOT ENTER ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL OR DISPENSE ALCOHOL EXCEPT AS APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISION STAFF.

YOU MUST NOT CONTACT OR ASSOCIATE WITH PERSONS WHO SELL DRUGS, OR WITH DRUG USERS, OUTSIDE OF A TREATMENT SETTING.

YOU MUST NOT CONTACT OR ASSOCIATE WITH VICTIMS FOR ANY REASON.

YOU MUST ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVE JOB SEARCH DURING ANY PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PROVIDE VERIFICATION AS DIRECTED BY PAROLE SUPERVISION STAFF.

CURFEW WHENEVER UNEMPLOYED.

WITHIN 72 HOURS, YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY COSTS, FINES AND RESTITUTION (MANDATORY).

YOU SHALL PAY A MONTHLY SUPERVISION FEE OF \$25.00 TO THE PAROLE BOARD WHEN UNDER SUPERVISION WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (ACT 35 OF 1991). WHEN RELEASED TO THE COMMUNITY YOU MUST REPORT IN PERSON TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR SUB OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Signature of Parolee

Date

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Witness

Witness

Note: If signed by mark, there must be two witnesses to the execution of the instrument.

Chris Denton Ann 5.6.28

SUPERVISOR NAME/SIGNATURE/DATE

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AGENT Denton PONE#(610)821-6779-X-215
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SS# 805-52-6742; 205-52-6742
SID# 129 12 21 8
MAX DATE 12-18-07
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

WARRANT TO COMMIT AND DETAIN

Date	April	30,	1998	

To the Superintendent, Warden, or other authorized representative of any Detention Facility or State Correctional Institution in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, you are hereby authorized and directed to commit and detain for violation of parole/probation Victor Gonzalez

Parole No. 6879-P , paroled on February 23, 1998

from SCI-DALLAS , Institution No. AS 1650

subject to further order of the Board.

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

By:

District Supervisor

Daniel J. Goodwin, Jr.



PBPP-340 (4/94)

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE NOTICE OF CHARGES AND HEARING

NAME VICTOR GONZALEZ

DATE June 9, 1998

PAROLE NO. 6879-P

PHOTO NO.

PCP NO. SCID AS-1650

You are charged with the following:

TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATION:

CONDITION #5A: You shall abstain from the unlawful possession or sale of narcotics and dangerous drugs and abstain from the use of controlled substances within the meaning of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. {780-101 et seq.) without a valid prescription.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE: You did submit a urine sample to Agent Denton on 4-15-98 that was returned positive for opiates.

[X] As a result, a VIOLATION hearing will be held.

Your rights for this hearing are indicated on the reverse side.

[] You are now being charged with the above additional violations which will be heard along with the original charges at your Violation and/or Revocation Hearing. (See reverse side "Notice of Additional Charges").

PUBLIC DEFENDER

HEARING DATE AND TIME: 6-17-98 - 10:45 A.M.

Lehigh County Public Defender

Lehigh County Courthouse

Room 313: P. O. Box 1548

Allentown, PA 18105

Orig. Offender

CC: Supervisor, Agent, File

Chris Denton

LOCATION: Lehigh County Prison

(Signature

Parole Agent II

(Title)

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RIGHTS AT ALL BOARD HEARINGS

You have the right to: (1) speak; (2) have voluntary witnesses appear on your behalf; and (3) present affidavits and other evidence. You have the right to be represented by retained counsel. On the reverse side are listed the names and addresses of public defender of the county in which you are incarcerated. You may request a continuance of the hearing for good cause. The Board will send notice of its determination either to you or to counsel if you were represented at the hearing.

PRELIMINARY HEARING RIGHTS

The Board has ordered your detention as a result of the technical parole violation(s) charged on the reverse side and has scheduled a preliminary hearing before an examiner to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that you committed the violation(s). If the examiner finds probable cause, the Board may schedule a violation hearing to determine whether you should be recommitted as a technical violator.

VIOLATION HEARING RIGHTS

The Board has scheduled a violation hearing to determine whether you should be recommitted as a technical violator because of the violation(s) charged on the reverse side. You have a right to be heard by a panel.

You have a right to representation by free counsel at this hearing if you are unable to afford counsel.

DETENTION HEARING RIGHTS

The Board has ordered your detention as the result of the new criminal charge(s) listed on the reverse side, and has scheduled a detention hearing before an examiner to determine whether you should be detained pending disposition of the charge(s).

REVOCATION HEARING RIGHTS

The Board has scheduled a revocation hearing to determine whether you should be recommitted as a convicted violator because of the conviction(s) charged on the reverse side. You have a right to be heard by a panel.

You have a right to representation by free counsel at this hearing if you are unable to afford counsel.

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES

The Board has already detained you on other charges as a result of:

- Probable cause established as to technical parole violations on or about______.
- 2. Probable cause established (detention hearing) as a result of new criminal charges on or about _______
- 3. Prima facia case established on new criminal charges (criminal preliminary hearing) on or about ______.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

Attorney (If Desired)

Attorney's Name Anthony C.	Bruneio	
Attorney's Name <u>Anthony C.</u> Address <u>219 N. 7th</u> St.	Allentown PA	18102
Phone (610) 830-4100		
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Having been fully advised of my right to counsel of to appointed counsel if I cannot afford counsel of without counsel.		
This waiver is made of my own free will, without the	hreat or coercion.	
Signature of Parolee	Parole No.	Date
Signature of Witness	Title	Date
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SCIENTIFIC TESTING LABORATORIES, INC.

463 SOUTHLAKE BLVD., RICHMOND, VA 23236 Telephone: (804) 378-9130 Fax: (804) 379-5919 Professional Drug and Alcohol Abuse Testing Facilities 1987

Client Account #: 4933

ATTN: L. POLGAR PA/BP&P: ALLENTOWN ISU

2703 W. EMMAUS AVE ALLENTOWN, PA 18100

RESULTS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TEST

Participant Name: GONZALES, VICTOR

Identification #: 6879-P

Requisition #: 1062648

Accession #: NONE ASSIGNED

Reason for Test: RANDOM

Agent: DENTON

Sample Status: POSITIVE

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Date Reported: 04/23/1998

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I hereby certify that I performed, or had the above laboratory analysis performed directly under my supervision as described on this report, as an employee of and within the laboratory and facilities of Scientific Testing Laboratories, Incorporated, and that the above report is a true and accurate record of the results of the analysis.

CERTIFYING SCIENTIST:

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463 SOUTHLAKE BLVD., RICHMOND, VA 23236
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BENZODIAZEPINES	NEGATIVE	200 ng/mL	200 ng/mL
BARBITURATES	NEGATIVE	200 ng/mL	200 ng/mL
COCAINE	NEGATIVE	150 ng/mL	150 ng/mL
ETHANOL	NEGATIVE	0.05 q%	0.05 g [%]
OPIATES	POSITIVE	-	120 ng/mL
OPIATES	POSITIVE @ >600	300 ng/mL	300 ng/mL
PHENCYCLIDINE	NEGATIVE	25 ng/mL	25 ng/mL
CANNABINOIDS	NEGATIVE	20 ng/mL	20 ng/mL
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I hereby certify that I performed, or had the above laboratory analysis performed directly under my supervision as described on this report, as an employee of and within the laboratory and facilities of Scientific Testing Laboratories, Incorporated, and that the above report is a true and accurate record of the results of the analysis.

CERTIFYING SCIENTIST:

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IRA D. GODWIN, M.I. DIRECTOR OF LABORATO

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PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

TAPE NO. 419 HEARING REPORT
PANEL [] Yes [XX] No
Parolee Name: Victor Gonzalez Parole No.: 6879-P
Hearing Site: Lehigh County Prison Date: 6-17-98
Type of Hearing: [XX] Violation [] Revocation [] Recission [] Detention
Parole Agent: Denton [xx] Present [] Not Present
Counsel: Anthony C. Bruneio [] Public Defender [X] Private
Address: 219 N. 7th St., Allentown, PA 18102
WITNESS INFORMATION: (Name and Addresses)
For Parole Agent For Defense
Oath administered to all witnesses who testified: YES [XX] NO []
Date of: Prior Continuances Granted Arrest By Police:
Arrest By Agent: 4-30-98 Board Warrant: 4-30-98 Date(s):
(PBPP-340 dated: 6-9-98)
TECHNICAL CONDITION(S): 1. 2. 3a. 3b. 3c. 4. 5a 5b. 5c. 6a6b. 6c. 7. (circle conditions charged)
Time owed as a technical parole violator:
NEW CONVICTIONS: YES [] NO [xx] See PBPP-340 dated:
Time owed as a Convicted Parole Violator: Date of Official Verification of Convictions: Date of return to SCI:
PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES: None
County Offense(s)

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STATES EVIDENCE (Violation and Revocation Hearing)

Conditions Admitted: 1. 2. 3a. 3b. 3c. 4. 5a. 5b. 5c. 6a. 6b. 6c. 7.

(See attached)

Objections: YES [] NO [] Ruling (List Objections)

DEFENSE EVIDENCE

(See attached)

Objections: YES [] NO [] Ruling (List Objections)

Victor Gonzalez

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PAROLE NO. 6879-P

Conditions Admitted: 1. 2. 3A. 3B. 3C. 4. 5A. 5B. 5C. 6A. 6B. 6C. 7.

STATES EVIDENCE:

Agent Denton entered into the record a urinalysis report indicating that on 4-l5-98 parolee rendered a urine sample positive for opiates. This sample had been retested and confirmed by gas chromatography. Agent testified that a representative of the Board approved lab, Scientific Testing, informed him that eating poppy seeds would not produce a positive sample.

Agent also testified that D.O.C. records indicate parolee previously reported use of amphetamines.

Findings:

Preponderance established on condition #5A by reason of agent's testimony and laboratory analysis.

OBJECTIONS:

YES [] NO [X]

RULING:

DEFENSE EVIDENCE:

Parolee testified that he had not used drugs of any type. He added that he had eaten poppy seed bread at an Easter dinner. After realizing that this reportedly could cause a positive urinalysis he took some of the bread to his agent. Agent took a sample on 4-I5-98 and it proved positive for opiates.

Defense counsel arranged for a hair sample analysis to be conducted on the parolee. A two centimeter sample obtained on 5-28-98 and processed by the American Medical Laboratories indicated no drug usage for 60 days prior to 5-28-98.

The defense counsel also read from "Drug Testing Techniques and Practices" published by Callaghan Inc. Reportedly poppy seed consumption can result in either a positive urine sample for codeine or morphine.

Defense Counsel also stated that in view of this finding Federal Authorities depend not only on urinalysis but on other indicia of substance abuse. Such other indicia were not present with the parolee.

Also counsel stated that two subsequent urine samples taken by agent were negative.

Parolee denied ever using drugs and stated the D.O.C. records were erroneous and originated in a PST which was produced without his cooperation.

OBJECTIONS:

YES [] NO [X]

RULING:

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NOTICE OF BOARD DECISION PBPP-15(6/96)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNA, BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

DATE: 072198

CLIENT NAME: VICTOR GONZALEZ

PAROLE NO:

6879P

INSTITUTION:

SCI - MAHANOY

INSTITUTION NO:

AS1650

AS RECORDED ON 071098 THE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE RENDERED THE FOLLOWING DECISION IN YOUR CASE:

RECOMMIT TO A STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AS A TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATOR TO SERVE 5 MONTHS BACKTIME FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITION #5A, USE OF DRUGS.

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REVIEW IN OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1998.

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(H.R. 6/17/98 - KSC 7/21/98)

DATE MATHED:

PAROLE VIOLATION MAX DATE: 121807

CC: ANTHONY C. BRUNEIO, ESQ

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W. CONWAY BUSHEY BOARD SECRETARY

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNA. BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

DATE: 120898

CLIENT NAME:

VICTOR GONZALEZ

PAROLE NO:

6879P

INSTITUTION:

SCI - DALLAS

INSTITUTION NO:

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AS RECORDED ON 111798 THE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE RENDERED THE FOLLOWING DECISION IN YOUR CASE:

FOLLOWING AN INTERVIEW AND REVIEW OF YOUR FILE, THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE MANDATES TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ASSIST IN THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH YOUR RELEASE ON PAROLE. YOU ARE THEREFORE REFUSED PAROLE AND ORDERED TO:

BE REVIEWED IN OR AFTER JUNE, 1999

AT YOUR NEXT INTERVIEW, THE BOARD WILL REVIEW YOUR FILE AND CONSIDER: WHETHER YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DECISION MAKING

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INVESTIGATED HOME HEAD WITH DRUG ALCOHOL TREATMENT TO BE AVAILABLE AT TIME OF REVIEW, MANDATORY

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PAROLE VIOLATION MAX DATE: 121807

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BOARD SECRETARY

NOTICE OF BOARD DECISION PBPP-15(6/96)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNA. BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

DATE: 07/24/1999

CLIENT NAME: VICTOR GONZALEZ INSTITUTION: SCI - DALLAS

FOLLOWING DECISION IN YOUR CASE:

PAROLE NO: 6879P INSTITUTION NO: AS1650

AS RECORDED ON 07/24/1999 THE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE RENDERED THE

FOLLOWING AN INTERVIEW AND REVIEW OF YOUR FILE, THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE MANDATES TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND TO ASSIST IN THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH YOUR RELEASE ON PAROLE. YOU ARE THEREFORE REFUSED PAROLE AND ORDERED TO:

BE REVIEWED IN OR AFTER SEPTEMBER, 2000.

AT YOUR NEXT INTERVIEW, THE BOARD WILL REVIEW YOUR FILE AND CONSIDER: WHETHER YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY. WHETHER YOU HAVE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FOR PAROLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

WHETHER YOU HAVE MAINTAINED A CLEAR CONDUCT RECORD AND COMPLETED THE

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PRESCRIPTIVE PROGRAM(S).

AJJM 07-24-1999A

PAROLE VIOLATION MAX DATE: 12/18/2007

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Kathleen Zwierzyna KATHLEEN ZWIERZYNA BOARD SECRETARY

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NOTICE OF BOARD DECISION PBPP-15(6/96)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNA. BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

DATE: 09/28/2000

CLIENT NAME: VICTOR GONZALEZ INSTITUTION: SCI - DALLAS

PAROLE NO: 6879P INSTITUTION NO: AS1650

as recorded on 09/28/2000 the board of probation and parole rendered the following decision in your case:

FOLLOWING AN INTERVIEW AND REVIEW OF YOUR FILE, THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH YOUR RELEASE ON PAROLE. YOU ARE THEREFORE REFUSED PAROLE AND ORDERED TO:

BE REVIEWED IN OR AFTER SEPTEMBER, 2002, OR EARLIER, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS/COUNTY PRISON STAFF.

AT YOUR NEXT INTERVIEW, THE BOARD WILL REVIEW YOUR FILE AND CONSIDER: WHETHER YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR: SUBSTANCE ABUSE THE APEUTIC COMMUNITY.

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*KLS 09/28/2000

PAROLE VIOLATION MAX DATE: 12/18/2007

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

VICTOR GONZALEZ,

Petitioner Parole No. 6879P

PENNA. BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE,

Respondent

REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF

TANDE OF CHIEF COURSE After spending ten (10) years in prison, petitioner was release to a center for six (6) months, to be reintergrated into society. The petitioner was holding down two (2) jobs (Shell Roofing and Aarvark Hauling & Cleaning). While in prison, petitioner became a model prisoner, and continued to profess Christian and was a Christian ideaolgy when released through brotherhood, fellowships, and helping others.

While celebrating Easter Passover, attended at the petitioner's pastor home, petitioner ate some bread that contained poppy seeds. On the petitioner's weekly visit to his parole agent, petitioner gave a urine sample on Wednesday, April 15, 1998, in which tested positive, and reporter again on the following two Mondays and gave another urine, in which both tested negative. The results of the first sample was retested, low positive on the scale identification that clearly rating for food containing poppy seeds, in which will identify a low rating.

As a result of this oversight, petitioner was arrested and retained an attorney, A.C. Bruneio (610-820-4100), got permission from the State Hearing Examiner to have D.N.A. testing to confirm that the urine sample tested low positive and could only come from poppy seeds. This low positive result of testing clearly confirms

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D.N.A. criteria that the low rating could only come from poppy.

As of May 1989, the Probation and State Parole Agencies out of Harrisburg, issued an memo to state and county jails regulating work release and furlough to be signed persons seeking participation in these program, solely on poppy seeds, because it test as a opiate.

It is unfounded to think that a man after spending ten (10) years in prison, and after presenting the substance (poppy bread) to his parole agent, Chris Denton, who at the parole hearing stated that the petitioner brought him the substance (poppy bread) and confirmed by Mr. Denton as the substance eaten by the petitioner, could be recommitted on this mis-understanding, as well as proof positive that drugs were not used by the petitioner.

Clearly the Parole Board, in this instance stepped overboard to recommit the petitioner in which clearly exceeds its bounds in fairness to individuals trying to make a better life for themselves.

The policy established in Harrisburg clearly defines criteria used in granting work released and furloughs in state and county jails. But this same criteria does not apply to state parolees or county probation. Where no established buffer or established policy is in place to governed or guide its agents in circumstances as such, where Harrisburg is well aware of side effects and results of said use of various common substances that may test positive (Tylynol 3, Molten, Nyquill, and others that are commonly used).

Clearly it is incumbent upon the state to set down a policy or criteria to governed circumstances as such, as well as agents for the state who clearly know of these results of these commonly used item will test positive only because of the contents used in its manufacturing, and should not impose sanctions (recommitment) on individuals who clearly show proof positive that they were no using of drugs while on parole, but only tested positive from a food

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substance they consumed.

lititioner was wrongfully committed because of the above reasons, and should be release from the backtime given by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Gonzalez (Gonzales)

AS-1650, Drawer K

Dallas, Pa. 18612-0286

Date: Aug 20, 1998

Witnesses:

Rev. John Henriques, Phone No. (610) 691-8843

Rev. Kathleen A. Coughlins, Phone No. (610) 807-0101

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RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TEMPORARY HOME FURLOUGH

TO			Institution No.	OMNIEI.
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Temporary Home Furlough is to be granted to you subject to the ... conditions (and special conditions) herein set forth. It is to be accept by you with full knowledge that you are in the legal custody of the -Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections ha the power at any time during your incarceration to suspend or revoke your Pre-Release privileges in case of violation by you of any of the rules, regulations, or conditions of your furlough. The Department of Correction maintains the power and has the right to conduct searches of your person any time. This may include internal (body cavity) searches in accordance with existing Department of Corrections regulations.

It is hereby agreed that my furlough is granted subject to the following rules, regulations and conditions.

- I will not consume alcoholic beverages in excessive amounts or become intoxicated.
- I will not own, possess, use, sell, distribute or have under my contr narcotic drugs or other derivative or dangerous drugs in any form.
- 3. I will not own, possess, use, sell, distribute or have under my contr firearms or other deadly weapons.
- I will not leave the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania nor the area to whi I have been furloughed as outlined by the staff. This also applies to residing at other than the investigated site.
- If at any time I abscord while on furlough or fail to return to the institution by the appointed date and time. I may be deemed an escape and charged with escape.
- I will comply with all municipal, county, state and federal laws, ordinances and orders.
- I will not attempt to consult with the judge who imposed sentence or other officials and witnesses involved in the prosecution of my case.
- I will not attempt to consult with any person considered the victim of the crime for which I have been convicted.
- I will not participate in any legal or illegal gambling activities.
- 10. /I will not consume poppy seed in any form.
- Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result In suspension or revocation of Pre-Release status.
- 12. Comments:

Inmate's Signature

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNA, BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

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VICTOR GONZALEZ

INSTITUTION NO:

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CC: ANTHONY C. BRUNEIO, ESQ

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BOARD SECRETARY

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Board of Probation and Parole

Executive Office 1101 S. Front Street, Suite 5100 Harrisburg, PA 17104-2517

VICTOR GONZALEZ, AS1650 SCI - DALLAS P O DRAWER K DALLAS PA 18612-0286

Re: Parole No. 6879P

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This is in response to your request for administrative relief received by the Board on September 2, 1998, challenging an action mailed August 5, 1998. You maintain that you tested positive for drug use because you ate some bread that contained poppy seeds which can provide a positive test for opiates, and that the two subsequent urine samples were negative. You therefore contend that you should not have been found in violation of your parole. Your agent testified that a representative of the Board approved lab, Scientific Testing, informed him that eating poppy seeds would not produce a positive sample. There was no objection to this testimony. Additionally, he stated that you had a history of amphetamine use. Questions of resolving conflicts in the evidence, evaluating witness credibility and assessing evidentiary weight are within the discretion of the Board as the fact finder. *Chapman v. Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole*, 484 A.2d 413 (Pa. Commw. 1984).

In view of the above, your request for administrative relief is denied.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Zeamer

Assistant Counsel

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DATE MAILED: MAY 1 4 1999

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IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA Middle District

Docket No. M.D. 2000

VICTOR GONZALES, Plaintiff,

v.

PENNA. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS and, BOARD OF PROBATION & PAROLE, Respondents. 00 SEP -5 AM 10: 27

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

I. Statement of Jurisdiction

- 1. This is a petition for writ of mandamus brought in this court pursuant to the August 22, 2000 Memorandum of the Honorable Sylvia H. Rambo, J., of the United States Middle District Court that held in pertinent part that; "...it has been recognized that Pennsylvania state courts may entertain a writ of mandamus with respect to allegations of an unconstitutional denial of parole. See Rogers v. Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, 724 A.2d 319, 321, n. 5 (Pa. 1999)." (See, Civ.No.1:cv-99-0469, Mem.pg.3)
- 2. As the following facts support, "this is not a petition for review" but instead a petition for writ of mandamus enjoining respondents, their subordinates and agents from refusing to grant plaintiff's parole for unconstitutional reasons.
- 3. The jurisdiction of this court over the subject matter of the instant action is invoked pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §§§761-764.

II. Factual Allegations

- 4. As the following facts demonstrate, although the plaintiff has produced medical evidence from a crediable chemical labortory supporting the fact that while on parole he did not ingest a control substance in violation of respondents' rules and regulations, respondents refuse to receive said evidence as means of "correcting" a misstate in the decision to refuse plaintiff's applications for parole.
- 5. On April 30, 1998, the plaintiff's parole was revoked after he tested low positive following a urine analysis. (In Re: Parole No. 6879P).



- 6. On or about May 15, 1998, plaintiff was given permission by the hearing examiner for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to take a DNA test for the purpose of corroborating his allegation that the low positive register was the result of food products. (Specifically, poppy bread intake).
- 7. On May 28, 1998, hair samples were removed from plaintiff's head by a non-interest third party who was chosen by the Board. Therefore, the samples were sent to Clinical Laboratories Inc., which is an affiliate that was also recommended by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.
- 8. On June 15, 1998, the results of the test revealed that the two (2) centimeters of hair that were tested covered the time frame that was in question and that the low positive register from the urine analysis could have only stemmed from food substances on account of the fact that only high registers come from narcotics. The DNA test reference range for each narcotics was zero.
- 9. Notwithstanding, on July 21, 1998, the Board still ordered the plaintiff to be recommitted to a state correctional institution as a technical parole violator to serve five (5) months backtime for violate of condition No. 5A, USE OF DRUGS.
- 10. At the next hearing on December 8, 1998, after plaintiff's home plan and job plan were both approved, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole determined that the mandates to protect the safety of the public and to assist in the fair administration of justice cannot be achieved through plaintiff's release on parole. Thereafter, parole was refused with one other condition that wasn't included the first time plaintiff was denied parole. It was stated that at the next interview, the Board will review and consider whether plaintiff has successfully completed a treatment program for: substance abuse and decision making.
- 11. On June 6, 2000 respondent, SCI-Dallas informed plaintiff that, because of the "false-positive" reading of a non-existing drug problem, plaintiff would not be recommended for parole.

III. Reasons for granting writ of mandamus

12. Respondents reasons for refusing to grant plaintiff either a recommendation or parole under the circumstances is violative of plaintiff's right to procedural due process of law based on the fact, respondents are aware of the scientific laboratory "evidence" that verifies respondent's earlier finding that the plaintiff ingested a controlled substance was inaccurate and a "false positive" because, plaintiff in fact ingested a bread product containing poppy-seeds. Failure to acknowledge the misstate and, "false positive," deprived plaintiff of ministerial remedy to correct an obvious error of judgment. Respondent, SCI-Dallas's decision to refuse a parole recommendation after having access

to and, reviewing the "material evidence" proving the original misstate and "false positive" denies plaintiff of his right to procedural due process and equal protection of law.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff request this court to issue a writ of mandamus commanding respondents to perform their ministerial duty of remedying the original misstate and false positive in accordance with law.

Dated: 8/30/00

Victor Gonzales, Pro Se Plaintiff

IV. <u>Verified Statement In Forma Pauperis</u>

I, Victor Gonzales, hereby verify and declare under the penalty of perjury under Title 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 that:

- 1. I have brought this action in good faith.
- 2. I am a pauper as defined by law and cannot afford to pay the cost of proceeding in this court, nor can I afford to pay the cost of hiring counsel to represent me before this court.
- 3. I know of no one who I may borrow funds to proceed in this court.
- 4. The foregoing facts is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

THEREFORE, I AM REQUESTING LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS:

Dated: 8/30/00

Victor Gonzales, affiant

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA Middle District

Docket No. M.D. 2000

VICTOR GONZALES, Plaintiff,

v.

PENNA. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS and, BOARD OF PROBATION & PAROLE, Respondents.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 30th day of August, 2000 a true copy of the attached PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS was served First Class United States Mail, prepaid postage, and addressed to:

Michael Fisher, Esquire Attorney General's Office 15th Fl., Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120

William Ward, Chairman
Pa. Board of Probation & Parole
1101 South Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Martin F. Horn, Secretary
Pa. Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 598
Camp Hill, PA 17001-0598

Victor Gonzales, AS-1650

SCI-Dallas

1000 Follies Road Dallas, PA 18612

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

VICTOR GONZALES,

Petitioner

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE,

Respondents

No. 410 M.D. 2000

PER CURIAM

ORDER

NOW, September 8, 2000, it appearing that petitioner seeks by way of mandamus to be paroled, and that the decision as to whether to grant parole is discretionary, see Reider v. Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, 514 A.2d 967 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1986), and, therefore, not subject to mandamus in our original jurisdiction, the petition for review is dismissed.

Certified from the Record SEP 1 1 2000

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

VICTOR GONZALES,

v.

Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 1:CV-00-2061

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BENJAMIN VARNER, et al.,

Defendants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, R. Douglas Sherman, Senior Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify that on December 26, 2000, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Documents in Support of Respondents Answer in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, by causing it to be deposited in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid to the following:

Victor Gonzales, AY-1650 SCI - Dallas 1000 Follies Road Dallas, PA 18612

R. DOUGLAS SHERMAN

Senior Deputy Attorney General